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**SCAM:** Stockbroker Frank Gruttadauria is suspected of stealing millions of dollars.

## Broker suspected of fraud

By Paul Singer  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CLEVELAND — A stockbroker suspected of defrauding clients kept false accounts for about 110 customers and reported inflated values of \$277 million, according to an FBI affidavit unsealed Monday.

Frank Gruttadauria, 44, is suspected of conducting a 15-year scam while working as a broker for various firms, including SG Cowen Corp. and Lehman Brothers Inc. He disappeared Jan. 11 but surrendered Saturday to the FBI in Cleveland.

Gruttadauria, dressed in khaki pants and a blue striped oxford shirt, appeared in U.S. District Court on Monday on a charge of making false statements to a financial institution. He didn't speak other than to say "Yes" when the judge asked if he had an attorney and understood the charge. Another hearing was scheduled for Thursday.

The charge stems from a \$6 million line of credit Gruttadauria received in December from National City Bank. According to the affidavit, he told the bank he had \$13 million in assets in a Lehman Brothers account, but that account actually had a value of \$6.55.

Gruttadauria drew \$700,000 from the line of credit on Dec. 21, and \$300,000 on Jan. 9, the FBI alleges.

Additional charges were possible, said Bill Edwards, spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's office.

"It's going to take a lot of people a lot of time to figure out everything," he said.

The affidavit signed by FBI agent William Henterly Jr. alleges that Gruttadauria had a secret computer system in his office to generate false reports for his clients.

Henterly said Gruttadauria's computer showed the accounts for the 110 clients totaled \$289 million while Lehman Brothers' official records showed they were worth \$12 million.

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## Student input helps USG thrive

By Jason Malone  
THE BG NEWS

Bryan Benner, Associate Vice-President of Administration at Bowling Green, addressed the Undergraduate Student Government on many poignant campus issues during Monday night's meeting.

"The role you have all played is tremendous," Benner said, "There are many issues that

would not be completed without the undergraduate input."

Benner recalled many instances where undergraduate input has been "important." "What you did with the expansion of the BGSU shuttle service was a success," Benner noted. "We were able to react to the students request for a change in their service."

"It was a marvelous job on the

campus blue lights," beamed Benner. He also thanked the USG for other safety measures like the campus safety officers and the campus escort service.

Another area of concern was the safety of students in the Lot 6 overflow lot. "We are aware that safety is an issue in lot 6. We have taken into suggestion the use of cameras in that lot. We need to get many operational

issues out of the way," Benner noted.

Nick Froslear, Senator at Large, asked Benner if the administration has considered paving the lot 6 overflow. "When it rains," Froslear asked, "there are puddle of indeterminate depth around the parking lot."

"That is another concern," Benner noted, "I have noticed that there have been other lots

and other places on the interior of the campus that have been unattended. I believe there are higher priorities that we need to take care of first."

As Benner left the podium, USG President Jon Bragg applauded the efforts and the work of the Associate Vice President. "Mr. Benner has cre-

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## Deconstructing Mardi Gras

Students learned that Mardi Gras, sometimes referred to as Shrove Tuesday or Carnival, is much more than colorful beads through celebration of the holiday last night at the French House.

Mardi Gras, which is French for "Fat Tuesday," is traditionally celebrated the day before the Catholic observance of Ash Wednesday. Roman Catholic communities in Europe and the Americas celebrate Mardi Gras in various ways.

"Mardi Gras has a long history, as it comes from the medieval times," Korine Henault, French House mother, said. "It (Mardi Gras) is a chance for everyone to party, eat and drink as much as they can before the fasting time of Lent."

"It's (Mardi Gras) like the one big last hurrah before the period of Lent," Deborah Schocket, Assistant Professor of Romance Languages, said. "However in New Orleans, the tradition goes from the day the kings would go to visit Jesus, up until now."

**Fat Tuesday has always been known for its celebrations. But what is the celebration really about**

The Mardi Gras celebration, also attended by German students who provided additional ethnic foods, featured a King cake, or Galette, a traditional French necessity for Mardi Gras.

This specialty cake, containing a baby figurine, or a bean in France, is traditionally served 12 days after Christmas.

"After the cake is cut and served to everyone, the person who has the item is supposed to throw the next party," Schocket said. "Parties (traditionally) continue for weeks building up to Ash Wednesday."

The carnival season, marked by parades with floats, pageants, and costumes, also maintains Cajun traditions.

The Cajun ethnic group, which adopted French culture after refugees settled in Louisiana in the 18th century, contributed many foods to the traditions known today of Mardi Gras.

—By Kara Hull, *The BG News*

### WHAT MARDI GRAS IS KNOWN FOR:



**PARTYING:** Members of the St. Martinville High School Band celebrate during Mardi Gras.



**NUDITY:** The Austin Police Department stand guard during a protest in New Orleans.

## Africana Dance Troupe hosts competition

By Chuck Soder  
THE BG NEWS

Members of the Africana Dance Troupe plan to host a dance competition this April.

The competition will feature groups from Bowling Green and other nearby areas performing African-influenced dances to raise funds for the ADT.

Many details such as the event's date and what groups will perform remain undecided, according to the group's vice president, Jamila Gilbert. "We hope to get people from Bowling Green

and other places like Toledo to showcase their dancing ability," she said.

The group has been too busy dancing to make many preparations, Gilbert said. ADT has performed twice so far this month and will perform twice more before it ends, its next show being at the union bash on Feb. 15. Two more performances are set for March.

"This month is always busy, being black history month," Gilbert said.

Part of the fundraiser money

would go to new costumes. The music and costumes, designed by a couple from Nigeria, are all authentic, Gilbert said, which helps make shows both educational and entertaining.

Exposing African culture through dance has been one of the group's main goals since it was founded in 1998.

When it was formed, the ADT was meant simply to perform at Kwanzaa, according to one of its founders, Sheila Brown. She and



Rebekah Gonzales BG News

**DANCING:** The Africana Dance Troupe performs at Diversity Days.

## Minorities start boycott in Cincinnati

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Gay rights activists and black protesters who accuse Cincinnati of discriminating against them united on Monday to support an economic boycott of the city.

Gay rights advocacy group Stonewall Cincinnati renewed its longstanding call for a boycott to pressure repeal of a 1993 city charter amendment that forbids the city to enact or enforce laws based on sexual orientation.

Leaders joined with black activists, who are demanding Cincinnati officials improve racial relations. The Coalition for a Just Cincinnati, which includes black clergy, has been advocating a boycott since April, when a white police officer fatally shot an unarmed black man who had fled police trying to arrest him on misdemeanor charges.

"We look forward to the day when all people are afforded equal protection under the law and are treated with respect and dignity," said Roy Ford, co-chairman of Stonewall Cincinnati. "Then, we will work to welcome visitors and tourists to Cincinnati."

Representatives of both groups stood together outside the city's downtown convention center Monday to announce their combined effort.

"We don't agree on everything," Stonewall co-chair Heidi Bruins had said on Sunday, referring to some leaders of the black coalition who stand against homosexuality. "But we stand in solidarity with the coalition on issues of economic, racial and overall justice, regardless of sexual orientation."

Leaders of the black coalition said they were pleased last week when entertainer Bill Cosby canceled two March 15 performances in Cincinnati. Cosby said he would not be comfortable appearing in Cincinnati under the circumstances.

On Monday, representatives of singer Smokey Robinson said he has canceled a Wednesday night concert because of the political climate in Cincinnati.

Mayor Charlie Luken reiterated his position that the boycott is wrong and hurts employees of hotels, restaurants and other businesses whose jobs depend on tourism and convention.

"What is happening here — coming from a small group of people — amounts to economic terrorism," Luken said.

Not everyone is heeding the call for a boycott.

Last week, a major black Baptist organization — the Progressive National Baptist Convention — said it plans to go ahead with its Aug. 5-8 convention in Cincinnati, which could attract 8,000 to 15,000 people.

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# Minorities speak out

BOYCOTT, FROM PAGE 1

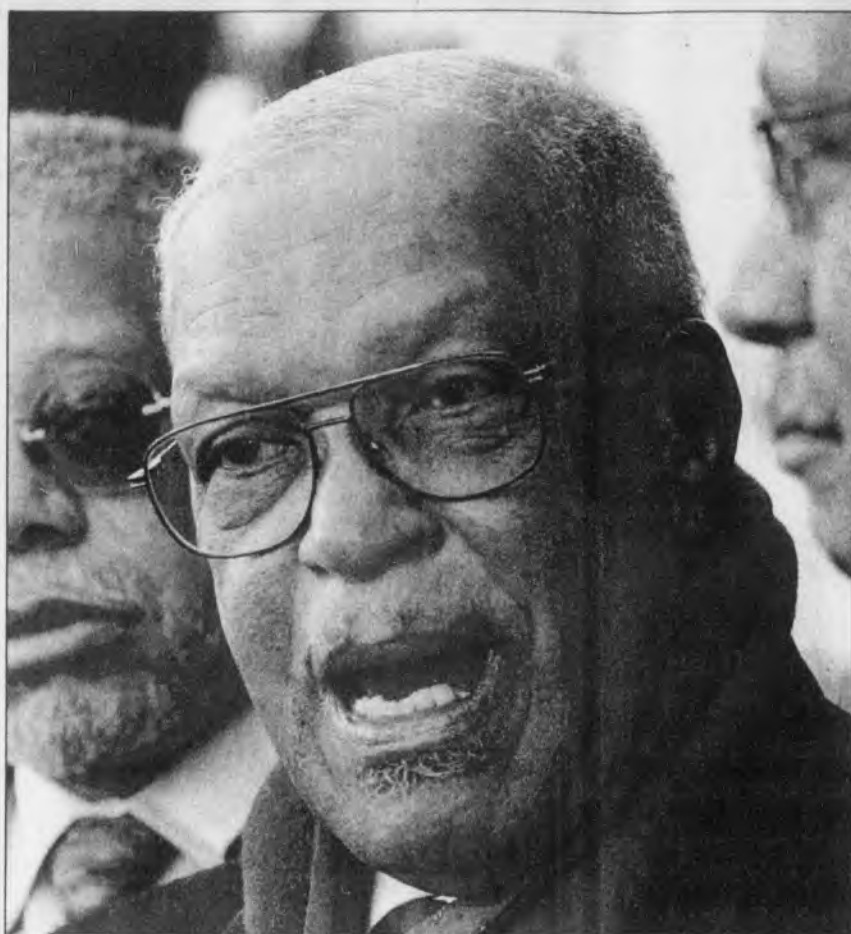
And in a separate announcement, an organization of gay musicians said it will visit Cincinnati in July for a week-long concert festival. The 2002 GALA Choruses Eastern Regional Festival is expected to attract more than 1,200 delegates representing 40 choruses on July 3-7.

One of the event's planners said the same issues that led to calls for a boycott were the same reasons the choruses will honor their commitment to perform.

"We are living in the belly of the monster, and the climate in Cincinnati is ripe for change," said Catherine Roma, the founder and director of Muse: Cincinnati Women's Choir. "We have the opportunity to be change agents, to inspire, to motivate, and to sing for justice."

City Councilman Paul Booth said he sent letters in late January asking former President Jimmy Carter, Martin Luther King III and former U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman to mediate talks between Cincinnati officials and boycott leaders. Booth said that only King has agreed so far to participate.

"I'm trying to bring the city and the various proponents of the boycott together because right now, we're not really talking to each other," Booth said. "We're either talking through the media, or talking at each other."



BOYCOTT: Dr. C. Mackey Daniels, president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, speaks at a news conference in Cincinnati.

## UAO wants USG sponsorship

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ated and alliance with administration and the student body," Bragg said.

In another presentation, Mike Kerin, a representative of the Undergraduate Activities Organization, asked the USG for a co-sponsorship.

The UAO is planning on having Heather Mercer and Dana Curry come and speak on campus. Mercer and Curry made

headlines as the two missionaries who were captured by the Taliban in Afghanistan. After their ordeal, Mercer and Curry began a speaking tour across America.

"We have raised nearly 10,000 dollars, and we are asking the USG to contribute 500 dollars in a co-sponsorship capacity," Kerin said. "We believe Heather and Dana will be something the University would like to hear."

## Kwanzaa root of Dance Troupe

ADT FROM PAGE 1

her co-founders, Lillian Ashcroft-Eason and Djsovi Eason, thought the holiday was missing something without the ADT, Brown said.

"Past Kwanzaas (on campus) had little to no African dance, and that's a big part of Kwanzaa," she said.

Brown, who served as adviser to the group until May 2001, said the ADT grew because the students wanted it to.

"The students had a genuine interest in learning traditional African dances," Brown said. "It's fun, and it's something you can't do elsewhere on campus."

Not only does it perform more often, the group has also expanded its show. Habib Iddrisu, the ADT's original choreographer, gave the group many of its authentic African dances. Halifu Osumare, who took over as group adviser when Brown left, incorporated African-Caribbean influenced music. Recently, the group put hip-hop elements in its act, Gilbert said.

They hope to show how hip-hop relates to older African music forms, she said. "Hip-hop didn't come out of the blues. It's a descendent of more traditional African music."

All these elements help the group bring diversity to the University. "They bring education about culture through dance," Brown said. "It's also entertainment and a creative outlet for members."

Gilbert agreed that the group has helped spread diversity on campus. "Being at BG where the minority population is small, it's a great way to show African culture to those who have never seen it."

Gilbert said that, aside from the upcoming fundraiser, she is looking forward to the group's performance at a high school near Cleveland on Feb. 28. Few of the students there have been exposed to such music and dance, she said. "They'll learn something they didn't know before."

The group's next performance is at the union bash on Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**What is the average rainfall for Bowling Green?**

**BGSU TRIVIA**

A. 28.88" C. 68.88"  
B. 48.88" D. 88.88"

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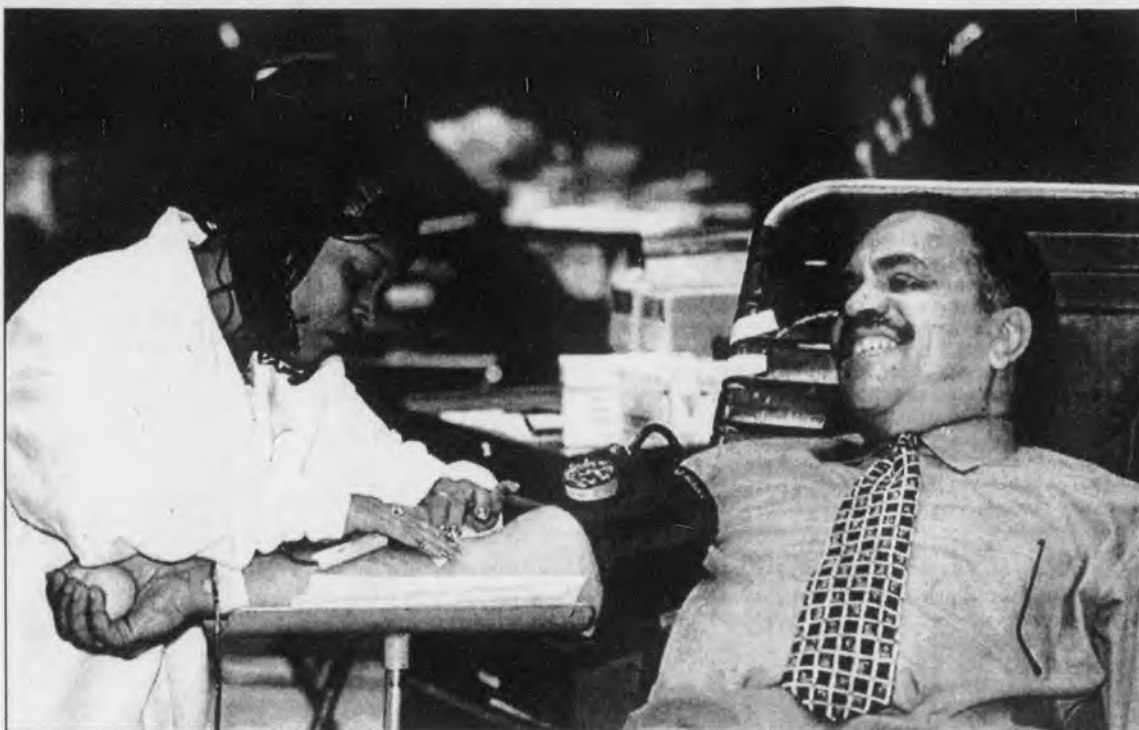
## OHIO CELEBRATE 200 YEARS

All Ohio Counties are celebrating Ohio 200 years. With more than a year to go before the bicentennial, the Ohio Bicentennial Commission has achieved its goal to bring a celebration to every Ohio County. Bicentennial celebrations include barn paintings, historical makers dedications and exhibits.

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## CAMPUS

## BLOOD DRIVE



Brad Phalin University Photographer

**GIVING:** Teresa Coates, a nurse with the Toledo branch of the American Red Cross attends to BGSU President Sidney Ribeau as he donated blood Monday morning to kick off the campus blood drive. The blood drive will be held in 101 B Olscamp Hall from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. until Wednesday and in 202 B in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Thursday.

## GSS gets organized for Spring semester

By Jason Malone  
The BG News

In a memo to the members of the Graduate Student Senate, GSS President Joe Skariah outlined the organizations goals for the rest of the semester.

"The semester is quickly underway, which means that we, as the Senate, are also moving fast and strong," Skariah notes.

In looking ahead, the Senate Executive Committee also set specific goals, which include:

- Publishing the 2002 GradLIFE booklet by May 10.
- Providing monthly updates to the general assembly regarding progress of passed legislation
- Proposing 15 pieces of legislation by May 3.
- Inviting four administrators to speak to the general assembly by May 3.

• Having 2 people run for every office

In other GSS business:

The first draft of a resolution was proposed by Deirdre Sommerlad, one of the Representatives at Large. The resolution called for the addition of four parking spaces to the Student Health Center Parking Lot. The resolution was tabled for review at the meeting on Feb. 3.

GSS Treasurer James Buss discussed the funding process of all Graduate Student Organizations. Budget proposals for the 2002-2003 school year are to be turned into the Office of Campus Involvement by Feb. 15. The GSS discussed their potential involvement in the upcoming Dance Marathon. A sign-up sheet was passed around the senate for potential volunteers.

## BG NEWS BRIEFING

## New fraternity begins on campus

A recruitment team of seven Sigma Nu staff members from Lexington, Va., will be visiting campus in an effort to recolonize at the University. Representatives will be on

campus until March 26. They will be handing out information and asking interested males to fill out a prospective member form. Those interested in learning more can go to presentations on Thursday in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Sessions will begin every three hours.

What tradition was established January 16, 1950, at a BG-OU basketball game?

- A. Freddie appeared B. Standing until first basket is scored C. Pommerettes D. Introduction of players

A. Freddie appeared. He was originated by the service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega.

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## QUOTE UNQUOTE

"Vagina miracles, sightings and occurrences. They go on. The greatest miracle, of course, is V-Day: an energy, a movement ... born out of 'The Vagina Monologues.'"

Eve Ensler, author, in her book, "The Vagina Monologues"

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## OPINION

## So what's wrong with a little 'Vagina'?

"The Vagina Monologues," a play based on the book of the same name by Eve Ensler, opened yesterday at the Joe E. Brown Theater. "Monologues" is a collection of interviews conducted by the author dealing with how women view their sexuality, and more specifically, their vaginas.

Vagina.

This word seems to offend some and make others queasy.

## YOU DECIDE

Are you offended by the premise of "The Vagina Monologues"?

Go to [www.bgnews.com/opinion](http://www.bgnews.com/opinion) to respond. Results will be updated frequently.

"Monologues," in print and production form, has been banned from schools, campuses and whole countries. Malaysia, in fact, canceled two scheduled perfor-

mances last week because there was a public outcry that it was obscenity. There are so many other, more obscene words to

At least half of the editorial board here at The BG News has read or seen the "Monologues" and we see nothing inherently wrong. What could be amiss about a play that empowers women and discusses sexuality in an honest and candid manner. "Monologues" is by no means the smut that it has been labeled and, contrary to popular belief, it is not the work of a bunch of bra-

burning feminists.

The fact of the matter is that "The Vagina Monologues" is nothing more than women sharing their stories and experiences to help other women — and men — understand women's sexuality better.

At some universities, "Monologues" is banned or protested because of its rather graphic nature, and, we hope that University students would have enough maturity and appreciation for the arts to see "Monologues" for what it is — art.

This week was picked for the performance of "Monologues" for a reason. Three years ago, the aforementioned author and a group of women started the V-Day foundation. The V-Day Foundation was started as a fundraising and conscious-raising event that included the performance of "Monologues." At first, only a handful of grass-roots organizations on campuses participated. In the past few years, V-Day and "The Vagina Monologues" have found a following on campuses, with all the

proceeds benefitting a anti-women violence groups. The performances at the University benefit the Survivor Emergency Fund, a fund set up to assist women who have been victims of violence, sexual or otherwise.

In closing, we stress the importance of this performance and its message. We encourage both men and women to attend. Maybe you guys will learn a thing or two about your female counterparts.

## Tales of the anti-diet

**AT ISSUE** Some people diet to lose weight. Some people diet to stay in shape. Some people diet to gain back weight to not look like a skeleton anymore.



## MY TWO CENTS

Kurtis D. Kinzel

My roommate and I are both too thin, so says our parents. Bony, skeleton like... parents sometimes can be a little too honest. I guess it's better than being overweight, but neither lend themselves well to good health. So we decided to anti-diet. People who haven't seen me for a while ask where my other half is.

Sometimes we forget to eat. The other day, late at night, I was passing Taco Bell and I consciously thought eating would probably be a good idea. So I ate.

Sunday, at Meijers, as I was headed to the checkout counter, I realized that everything in my cart was healthy food. I turned around and headed back into the store.

Away went the salad, the fruit and the granola bars. Into the cart leapt chips, soda, cookies, just about anything that had over 6 grams of fat per serving. The anti-diet had begun.

Now there's probably those people out there that think this is absolutely absurd, going on a diet to gain weight. But the real truth is that both of our mothers had been nagging us for months to put the pounds back on. My roommate's mom told us that we better be eating junk food in lieu of healthy food or she would



Associated Press Photo

**BON APETITE** Food like this can pack on the pounds quick. Experts say that working out is a better way to get healthy.

personally kick both of our butts. And, if you knew my roommate's mom like I did, you would know that she wasn't kidding around. Trust me on this one. She scowled at the applesauce in our fridge.

Most people don't know what it's like to be us. It's almost that we have been skinny for so long that we have absolutely no idea how hard it is to put weight back on. I'm sure, that if we quite smoking, we would balloon up the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Her and I agree that that is not going to happen anytime

in the near future so our best bet is to visit Steak N Shake on a regular basis.

So, dear readers, wish my roommate and I luck on our mission to put some meat on our bones. After all, we don't want to be skeletons walking around campus so the wind can blow us over.

If you have any suggestions on how we can balloon up, feel free to drop me a line.

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## PEOPLE ON THE STREET

If you were doing "People on the Street," what question would you ask?



**BENJAMIN KLINE**  
GRAD STUDENT

"In what way do your religious beliefs shape the outcome of the papers you write for class?"



**LAURA NEIDERT**  
SOPHOMORE

"Did you watch 'Temptation Island 2'?"



**JASON BUCUR**  
SOPHOMORE

"Why do you drive on a parkway and park on a driveway?"



**RAYMON SNARE**  
SOPHOMORE

"Why are you asking me?"

## Girls: Can't live with or without them

**AT ISSUE** Girls are a necessity to a guy, but they can also be a burden.

## UNLICENSED HUMOROLOGIST

Matt Sussman

A few weeks ago, nearly Toledo received a good amount of snowfall. We didn't. We were pelted with ice storms and high velocity winds. Eventually Toledo got storms suffered power outages. Now I may not be a religious man, but if I were, I'd bet that God showered us with frozen precipitation because girls are manifested evil.

I say this because I believe it, and half of the living population is on my side. Not only does that other half disagree with me, they're completely on the other opposite end of the spectrum. Females believe that guys are the root of all their problems, and that somehow it's always our fault. And therein lies the dilemma: men are from Mars, women suck.

Trying to understand girls is like trying to set up a computer using just the French side of the instructions. The hardest thing I had to do last semester was break up with my girlfriend who I started dating in the summer. And that's taking into account the time I was subdued by that pesky mononucleosis virus, preventing me from going to class. However, I had belief in myself that I could still manage to pass all of my classes. Then I thought about mono some more. For a month out of the year I was distracted by my classes, causing me to lie around the house and complain. It kept me up at night, and after I felt better I was glad that it was over. My conclusion is such: the virus was a girl.

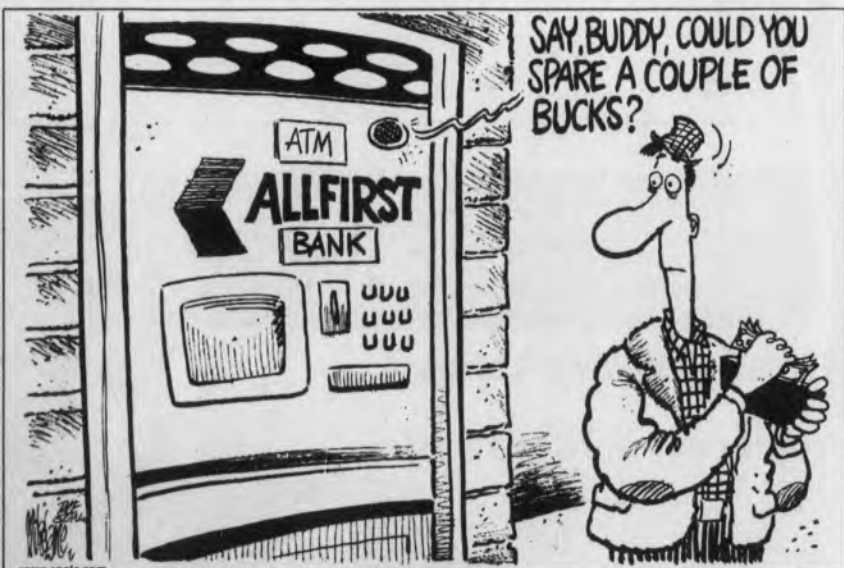
Pretty much every friend I have was in a relationship at one time or another last semester. And very few of them, to me, were sound investments. A little too many complaints and sleepless

nights resulted from them. I didn't mind trying to help them out — to a point — because in helping others, you just might learn something about them, other people, and yourself. Then you take all that wisdom and slap it silly with a cattle prod once you try comprehending the theory of getting back together after a breakup. A lot of this isn't news to you, and yet we continue to date person after person. I'm not excluded from this pattern either. Even yours truly went on a date this past weekend. It went as well as I could have hoped. It's those occasions where guys and girls actually get along that keep me from cutting them off altogether.

So why do we constantly attempt something we know is flawed? I tell you why I keep on truckin': my parents. I don't know how my mom and dad could not live and be married at the same time. That proves me wrong on some levels that romance is dead. I may be unromantic and a non-believer in fate, but I guess I can accept that some relationships can work out in the long run.

Now it's time to address my sexism. I call it sexism because I think girls are stupid. I wouldn't call it sexism because I apply that same standard to all people. My dad said that people are "stupid until proven smart." More often than not he's right. For the most part I find girls all too emotional, ditzy, and complicated. It's those select few that I enjoy to be around. Since everyone is under that rule, I can jump through a loophole and not be classified as a male chauvinist pig.

Before I go off on too much of a tangent (God, I hated trigonometry), I'll try to steer us back to the eternal struggle: girls will always be us guys' Achilles heels. Even Achilles never understood the ladies. But then again, none of the Greeks ever had it easy when it came to choosing women. Just ask Oedipus.



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**\$25,000 REWARDS FOR MISSING GIRL**

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The parents of a girl who vanished from her bedroom more than a week ago offered a \$25,000 reward Monday for information leading to her return. Brenda and Damon van Dam said they hoped the offer would help sustain national attention on the case and lead to a breakthrough in the investigation.

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# NATION

## Survivors relieve anguish of escaping wildfire north of San Diego; high winds remain threat

By Chelsa Carter  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FALLBROOK, Calif. — With flames marching up the canyon toward their street, Janemarie Monroe and her neighbors realized they had only minutes to flee.

Monroe and the five others ran out her door and toward her backyard swimming pool, only to find their path blocked by flames. Desperate, they ran toward a nearby home which also had a pool.

Overhead, a voice from the loudspeaker of a firefighting helicopter ordered: "Get in the pool. Get in the pool."

The neighbors plunged into the chilly 50-degree waters, towing three dogs with them.

Yesterday, one day after flames tore through their rural neighborhood, Monroe was recuperating from hypothermia. The 43-year-old woman declined to tell her story, asking her husband, Mike, to do so.

The fire tore over the hills of this wealthy enclave Sunday afternoon, fueled by 50 mph offshore winds known as the Santa Anas. Million-dollar ranch homes and groves of avocados went up in flames.

The six neighbors, who suffered from smoke-inhalation and hypothermia, were among 11 people injured in the blaze. Only one person who suffered a broken ankle remained hospitalized yesterday.

The fire had burned some 4,000 acres by yesterday. The

cause of the blaze was unknown but authorities were investigating reports that it started in an area where trash was being burned.

Only about 5 percent of the fire was contained yesterday and more than 700 firefighters were on the line. But the blaze was moving toward undeveloped terrain, with no immediate threat to people or structures.

About 40 structures were burned, said Capt. Rick Mann of the North County Fire District.

The wind was calmer yesterday, but fire authorities braced themselves for a possible pick-up in ocean breezes that could change the direction of the blaze.

"We're saying prayers that the winds stay calm," Mann said. "We can't really be sure."

Early on in the fire, Mike Monroe, 56, said his neighbors along Santa Margarita Road had decided that, if necessary, they would gather at his home because it had a pool.

After finally diving into the neighbor's pool, the six shivered in the water for more than an hour, keeping only their faces exposed to breathe, he said. The flames leapt over them, singeing their skin. They struggled to keep the dogs from trying to run away, but could only hold onto two of them.

Janemarie Monroe believed they all would die, she later told her husband.

Mike Monroe was not among them. He was trapped up the road, blocked by authorities from venturing closer to find his wife.



**DESTROYED:** Barbara Rugg, 69, a retired Los Angeles County Sheriff, talked yesterday about the wildfire that destroyed her home in Fallbrook, Calif.

Eventually, Monroe persuaded authorities to let him past the roadblock. He walked past burning homes and a fire truck in flames.

He arrived to find two sheriff's deputies dousing his home with

water. His wife and neighbors had been pulled from the pool and driven to safety in a squad car.

Another fire over the weekend, a fire near Anaheim Hills, about 40 miles southeast of Los

Angeles, devoured about 2,400 acres of brush and was about 35 percent contained yesterday. No one was injured.

In Fallbrook, Dale and Marion New returned to their property to discover their home remained

intact.

The couple had battled the fire with garden hoses and were assisted by a passer-by and his three teen-age grandsons, who pulled water from a neighbor's pool.

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# Father charged in death of 19-month-old toddler



The Associated Press

**CHARGED:** Winnfred Wright appears in Marin County Superior Court yesterday in San Rafael, Calif.

By Ron Harris  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. — A man and four women who shared a home with their 13 children were charged with murder and child neglect yesterday in the death of one child and the malnourishment of the others.

The 19-month-old toddler — whose bones were extremely brittle — was pronounced dead of severe malnutrition and neglect at a hospital in November after the women brought him in. The other children — ranging in age from 8 months to 16 years — were quickly put into emergency foster care.

All were severely malnourished and most suffered from rickets, a bone-softening disease almost unheard of in suburban America. It is caused by a lack of vitamin D or calcium.

Winnfred Wright, 45, and the women — Carol Bremner, 44, Mary Campbell, 37, Deirdre Wilson, 37, and Kali Polk-Matthews, 20 — were arrested Friday. They were held without bail for arraignment Monday.

Wright, Bremner, Campbell and Wilson each face charges of second-degree murder and

involuntary manslaughter. Polk-Matthews faces one count of involuntary manslaughter. All face child endangerment charges.

His long hair in dreadlocks, Wright smiled at the women as they were led into court, shackled at their hands and waists. All declined to enter pleas.

Bremner, who lived with the others in San Francisco for years before moving to the upscale Marin County suburb of Marinwood several years ago, wore a white dust mask over her face. She is being treated for leukemia.

Campbell and Wilson are both pregnant, said Campbell's public defender, Marta Osterloh. Osterloh challenged the hospital's conclusion that the child died of neglect.

"There has been no coroner's report, no autopsy report. We don't know what the cause of death is," Osterloh said outside court.

Jail officials said the defendants were declining all requests for interviews. Other defense attorneys declined to comment.

None of the children were enrolled in public school, said Marin County sheriff's Detective

Fred Marziano. Neighbors rarely saw them emerge from the rental home, where heavy white drapes prevent any view of the inside.

"When they told us how many children were there, I nearly fell out of my shoes," neighbor Connie Williams told the Marin Independent Journal. "We hardly ever saw them."

Because the adults refused to cooperate, it took three months for police to unravel what went on inside the modest beige house. Authorities had to rely on DNA tests to determine that Wright fathered all the children. It was not clear who gave birth to the child who died.

"We don't know exactly what their affiliation is together other than they are cohabiting and producing children," Marziano said.

Neighbors along the tree-lined street in the upper-middle-class neighborhood declined to speak with reporters yesterday, and no one answered the door at the house. White T-shirts hung from a clothesline, and children's toys and a plastic tricycle sat on the grass.

Malcolm Sullivan, who lives next door, told the Independent Journal that their rent must have

been expensive. Malcolm Sullivan, who lives next door, told the Independent Journal that their rent must have been expensive. "Spending that kind of money and not feeding kids is perverted," he said.

Rickets is extremely rare in the United States since the advent of vitamin D-fortified milk. Also, as little as 15 minutes of sun a day helps the body generate enough vitamin D to utilize calcium for bone growth.

"The profile of the child who would be at risk to rickets would be a child who's not being fed dairy products and doesn't have adequate exposure to sun," said Gerald Combs, director of the Agriculture Department's Human Nutrition Research Center in Grand Forks, N.D.

Children can begin to show signs of rickets within six months to a year after being denied adequate sunlight and food.

It was several years ago that the family moved into the home, and neighbors got only fleeting glimpses of the people inside. Whenever they went out, they would back a black Suburban with dark windows up to the garage, and neighbors could not see who got in.

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**GANG ESCAPES WITH \$6.5 MILLION IN CASH**

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# WORLD

## Officials say many Guantanamo prisoners remain unidentified

By Lisa J. Adams  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — Thirty-four more detainees from the Afghan war were flown yesterday to this remote U.S. military base, where investigators are struggling to pin down which captives fought for the Taliban and which belonged to al-Qaida.

Civilian and military investigators have been questioning prisoners since Jan. 23, when there were 158 of them here. Flights bringing more resumed last week after being suspended so that they could concentrate on interrogations, and the new arrivals

brought the number to 254.

Eight of the new arrivals had to be put into increased security postures shortly after they arrived but there were no major incidents, U.S. Marine Corps Public Affairs officer Maj. Stephen Cox said.

The men normally stand with their feet and hands shackled. The increased security posture forces the detainees onto their sides with their knees to their chests.

There was no specific word on what prompted the extra security moves, but Cox said talking or not responding to orders after three tries can prompt officials to force

the position.

Despite three weeks of questioning, U.S. officials have not identified many of the detainees as either Taliban or al-Qaida members.

"We have more people in limbo," Cox said Sunday. He would not say whether they made up a majority of the prisoners, but confirmed they outnumbered both those claiming to be Taliban and those determined to be al-Qaida.

Camp officials say many have been interviewed as many as four times, each time providing a different name and different information. They say that it's prema-

ture to assume most prisoners were from al-Qaida, the terror network led by Osama bin Laden and accused in the Sept. 11 attacks.

The first group of prisoners sent to Guantanamo from Afghanistan "was determined to have the greatest intelligence value because of their positions, their standings in either the al-Qaida or Taliban," Cox said. "Because of that value, they were determined to be the most dangerous — because of the information they possessed."

Four Cuban refugees arrived at the U.S. base yesterday, apparently swimming, officials said. A

clerk at the base's bachelor quarters said four men wearing only soaking wet shorts had turned up there. Cuban refugees who come here generally are repatriated.

After visiting the Camp X-ray detention facility two weeks ago, Republican Sen. James Inhofe of Oklahoma said he did not believe more than 15 percent of the 158 detainees there at the time, or about 24 people, were Afghans.

U.S. officials had said the detainees came from 25 different countries. Cox said Monday that the number increased to 26 on Saturday, when another group of 34 arrived from the airport in Kandahar, Afghanistan — as

always, aboard a C-141 military cargo plane.

A senior Pentagon official speaking on condition of anonymity last week said the detainees included about 50 Saudis, 30 Yemenis, 25 Pakistanis, eight Algerians, three Britons and small numbers from Australia, Belgium, Egypt, France, Russia and Sweden.

The official did not mention Afghans, who formed the ousted Taliban regime that harbored al-Qaida while ruling Afghanistan. While some foreigners fought for the Taliban, the majority were believed to be fighting for al-Qaida.

## Russian defense minister warns U.S. against decision to expand terror war



The Associated Press

**VISITING:** Russian Foreign Minister Ivanov, center, shortly upon his arrival Monday, Feb. 4, 2002 for a one-day visit and talks on Russian contribution for the rehabilitation of Afghanistan.

By Mara D. Bellaby

**MOSCOW** — Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov warned the United States on yesterday against expanding the war on terrorism to other nations without absolute proof of their involvement in terror activities — and approval from the U.N. Security Council.

The stern warning came shortly after a similar admonition from President Vladimir Putin about Iraq, which Russian leaders fear may become the next target in the U.S.-led anti-terror campaign.

Russia has close ties to Iraq and has repeatedly warned Washington against taking on Baghdad, saying it would break apart the coalition that formed after the Sept. 11 terror attacks in the United States.

"There was no doubt as to who was masterminding terrorist acts all over the world and not only in the United States," Ivanov said, referring to Osama bin Laden, who was being harbored by the Taliban in Afghanistan.

But for the United States to justify an attack on another nation, there must be "incontrovertible evidence and a corresponding resolution from the U.N. Security Council," Ivanov said.

"Without that ... there can be no attack," Ivanov told reporters after meeting with the defense minister of Afghanistan's interim government, Mohammed Fahim.

Russia has found itself in an awkward position since President Bush declared Iraq, Iran and North Korea part of an "axis of evil" and hinted they might be future targets of the anti-terror campaign.

Russia has supported the war in Afghanistan, but it has close ties with all three nations identified by Bush.

Putin, in an interview Monday in *The Wall Street Journal*, said the situation in Iraq was different from Afghanistan and that any attack would be subject to approval from the U.N. Security Council, where Russia has veto power.

He also objected to Bush's "axis of evil" characterization.

"We oppose the drawing up of black lists," Putin said. He admitted Iraq presented a "problem," but said, "Such problems cannot be solved by one country alone."

European allies, Arab nations and even NATO have expressed concern about U.S. plans for the anti-terror campaign and have said they would not necessarily support military attacks on Iraq.

## Thriving open-air opium market put out of business

By Ellen Knickmeyer

The Associated Press

**KANDAHAR, Afghanistan** — Opium vendors shut their open-air market Monday under what they said were U.S. military orders — becoming first targets in a campaign against Afghanistan's post-Taliban drug boom.

The closure marked the first concrete effort by Hamid Karzai's interim government to keep Afghanistan from reclaiming its 1990s title as the world's leading opium supplier.

"The special forces, they told us, 'Stop the opium business — no more,'" said vendor Mohammed Wali, scrubbing the sticky residue of years in the opium trade from the walls of his shop, and contemplating a new life selling carrots.

Afghan security patrols, moving in bands down the narrow dirt streets of the market, looked on, seeing to compliance with the ban.

Kandahar, Afghanistan's second-largest city, is a key transit point for raw opium on its way from the fields of red opium poppies to illicit factories inside and outside Afghanistan that refine the resin for sale as heroin.

Kandahar and the southern provinces around it produced 85 percent of Afghanistan's opium in the 1990s.

Taliban edicts cut production dramatically in 2000 and 2001, but farmers made desperate by poverty aggravated by drought and war have rushed to plant the cash crop since the Taliban fell.

Karzai outlawed all production, trafficking and sale of narcotics in December.

Enforcement, however, had been hard to spot until now. Word of the ban was slow even to reach remote provinces.

In Vienna, Austria, a spokesman for the U.N. Drug Control and Crime Prevention office hailed the move to shut down the opium vendors.

"I would hope ... that the international community will help Afghans to set up functioning law enforcement capacity — including drug control," Kemal Kuhrspahic said. Such an effort would also include help for farmers who earn big money by planting opium poppies, he said.

"What we would like to see is ways to prevent the harvest from reaching the market," Kuhrspahic said.

Kandahar provincial officials promised a tractor brigade in coming weeks to plough under all fields planted with poppies defined as about 2.2 pounds of opium, would continue to be allowed in Kandahar city itself.

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## Broncos outlast Zips in overtime

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Freshman guard Ben Reed scored 29 points, including Western Michigan's first eight points in overtime, and the Broncos came from behind late in the second half to beat Akron in overtime, 94-89, Monday night in the Mid-American Conference.

## Tumblers lose first of season to UNC

By Matthew P. Lyons  
THE BG NEWS

The women's gymnastics team, Saturday, experienced a bump in the road in the warmth of the North Carolina sun.

BG avenged a loss to George Washington University in 2000 with a 192.675-191.900. But it was the University of North Carolina Tarheels that had the last word as they beat teams with a score of 193.825.

The Falcons began the meet with the floor exercise, a good event historically for the team. Junior Ann Marie Kassouf started things on a high note with a score of 9.725. The trend continued as none of the squad scored below a 9.675. As the first rotation closed, the Falcons floor exercise score of 48.725 put them into first place.

Unfortunately, BG found the road a little rougher in the second rotation as they moved to the vault. Two missed landings led to a season low 47.700 points. Junior Kathy Emerson helped get things back on track with a 9.7 vault as did Senior Marry Oestreg with a 9.8 vault. This was good enough for a first place finish on the vault.

At the midway point, the colonials were third with 94.875 points, the Tarheels had the second spot with 96.175 points, and the Falcons had maintained their lead with 96.425 points.

In the third rotation, BG moved to bars. They have consistently performed well at the event. The event began well as freshman Stephanie Sams achieved a score of 9.8. BG's lowest and highest score were 9.675 and 9.850, respectively. Freshman Kari Elste obtained the highest score. Ultimately, the team received 49.025 points on the event, which is a season high.

Entering the final rotation, BG held the lead with 145.450 points. UNC with 144.800 points and GWU with 143.750 points were in third and second place. However, the Falcons faced a season long nemesis, the balance beam, in the fourth rotation. Senior Emily Gray began the event with a 9.5 score. The possibility of a strong Falcon finish seemed likely until two costly falls occurred in a row. Although Mindy Untch and Melissa Popovich earned a 9.625 and a 9.675, respectively, another fall gave the Falcons a score of 47.225 on the balance beam.

Overall, BG finished second with 192.675 points. Junior Ann Marie Kassouf earned a fifth place finish with 38.475 points, while Senior Marry Oestreg's 38.575 points earned her a fourth place finish. Unfortunately, The University of North Carolina won meet with 193.825 points.

BG moves to 10-1 on the regular season, and 3-0 in the conference. This is the best start for the team in school history. The team has a short week with a home meet Friday against the Northern Illinois Huskies at 7 PM and then a trip to Kent State for the All-Ohio Championship.



Chris Schooler BG News

**STRIKE A POSE:** BG's Melissa Popovich handles the balance beam in a recent meet.

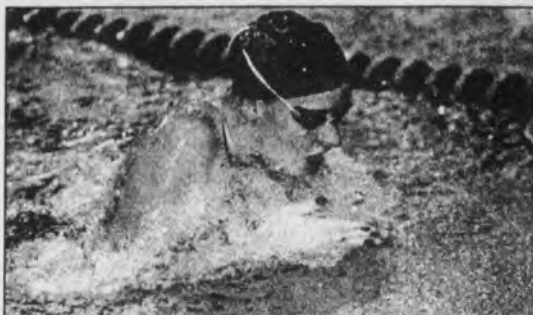
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# SPORTS

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BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

## BG battles close over weekend



Jenn Trevino BG News

**BREATH:** A BG breaststroker comes up for a breath.

By Joe Ferrone  
THE BG NEWS

The Bowling Green women's swimming and diving team finished the weekend with a split.

The Falcons defeated Northern Illinois, but lost to host Akron. The BG men's squad did not fare as well this weekend, finishing with a 0-1 record.

They lost to Northern Illinois by a score of 127 to 111.

The BG women brought back plenty of first places this weekend. Sophomore Jessie Humes brought back two of those first

place finishes for the Falcons. She won the 1000 yard freestyle, with a time of 10:44.46 and the 500 yard freestyle with a time of 5:11.72.

Sara Agnew also had a good day for the Bowling Green team; she came back with a first and second place finish.

She was first in the 200-yard backstroke, which she placed with a time of 2:26.60. She finished in second in the 400-yard IM, with a time 4:38.30.

Also having a strong meet for the Falcons was Kim Moden.

She finished in first place in the 50-yard freestyle. She finished the event with a time of 24.77.

Kelly Hara also performed well at the meet. She finished in first place in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:57.18 and in third place in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 54.58.

"Jesse Humes had a big meet for the women and Kim Moden's racing has been superb," said Head Coach Randy Julian.

The women's diving team also

SWIMMERS, PAGE 11

*They all come from different backgrounds, but they all have one love: Bowling Green basketball. Many opponents have pondered why and how the hell you get attacked both on and off the court at Anderson Arena. The answer is the untamed, rowdy Sideline Squad.*

*This group of seniors have been looking up my skirt since freshmen year. They have been the faithful fans of the Falcons through their ups and downs. They began as a group of 8 and now the entire student section is filled with orange sideline squad shirts.*

*But only I could wrestle these boys for an up close interview to find out the truth on how to be apart of the Sideline Squad.*



Nick Hurn BG News

**BOLD LEAD IN:** Andrew Dutt, Troy Plant, Don Delco and Aaron Ziraks hold up 'Stormin' Erin Norman.

## Stormin' Norman

### An interview with The Sideline Squad

**Norman:** Who is your favorite team to heckle?

**S.S.:** Miami's coach (Charlie Coles) was fun but Billy Lynch from Ball State was a 5'3 short guy so we kept harassing if was apart of the make a wish foundation.

**Norman:** Who do you heckle the most those on the bench or the players in the game?

**S.S.:** Depends on what part of the game, we heckle those on the bench who haven't got in the whole game. We like asking the last two on the bench if they need a coffee or something.

**Norman:** What are some of your favorite lines to the opposing team?

**S.S.:** The jingle of the keys is the best, but we liked talking to Brandon Hunter (Ohio) about who is winning the illegitimate kid race, him or Shawn Kemp. He didn't like that and we got serious looks for that. We think he eats people; he's massive.

**Norman:** This year there has been many groups of fans all painted, showing skin, and a little tipsy. Do you have any new ideas to stand out among the other fans?

**S.S.:** Well, we are going to be able to paint our stomachs and

get whole sentences so that's pretty cool.

**Norman:** Of everyone of the Sideline Squad how many played b-ball?

**S.S.:** About 2 or 3; why the hell are we basketball fans!

**Norman:** Good question, how did you get involved?

**S.S.:** It all boils back to Graham Bunn, we came to the game our freshmen year vs. Northern Iowa and he hit a shot at the buzzer to win it. We jumped on his bandwagon, we loved him, and after that we became the sideline squad...

**Norman:** What are your favorite activities before a game?

**S.S.:** Beer and a stogie. Sometimes I take my car off road-ing before the game, but I haven't washed my sideline squad shirt yet. I did put cologne on it though!

**Norman:** What do you do at half-time?

**S.S.:** Sit and ponder why we got so drunk last night and wonder why the dance team doesn't like us. Probably the restraining order, but I'm not sure.

**Norman:** You guys are so high energy at the games it makes me wonder what your policy on

pregame sex is because you are on your feet the whole game?

**S.S.:** Get in when you fit in.

**Norman:** Who is the biggest pimp on the Sideline Squad?

**S.S.:** Brian Corvino, no woman can resist a sweater vest.

**Norman:** Since you have such a great view what is your favorite cheerleading mount?

**S.S.:** When they lift one girl in the middle and she splits, you usually give us a thumbs up for the view. Our favorite part of cheerleading is the pregame stretching. The cheerleaders are the reason we sit where we are, we can see the pregame stretch and the game. It doesn't get any better than that!

**Norman:** Everyone puts a wager on what they will do if we go to the Big Dance. What crazy thing will you do when they get to the Big Dance?

**S.S.:** If they made it we would have a huge party with monkeys knife fighting and (Brent) Klassen riding around on a zebra with a tu-tu.

**Norman:** Who would you rather see in a BG cheerleading uniform, BG News Sports Editor Nick Hurn or Britney Spears

**S.S.:** We'd rather see Nick in a

leopard thong and Britney naked.

**Norman:** For all the ladies reading this wondering who they should work their game at - who has the best overall package on the Sideline Squad?

**S.S.:** Tuna can Ken, abstinence is freedom...and any man who can put his legs above his head has got to be good in bed. (His notorious cartwheel when he is excited at the game.)

**Norman:** What's your favorite feature on Frieda?

**S.S.:** Her huge, voluptuous tots. One of the boys asked her for some beak and she didn't say anything. You think that means no?

*Wow, after I finished this interview I had to go home and shower because I got so hot from these racy answers. I believe I found what I was looking for. This group of fans is one to be modeled after in the future years of BG basketball.*

*These boys obviously offer everything inside and outside of Anderson Arena, so women, if you're looking for an incredible experience, you are guaranteed to find these boys where they live and breathe; on the sideline.*

## First 'Olympic rules' flight arrest made

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An airline passenger who allegedly got up to go the bathroom less than 30 minutes before landing became the first person arrested under a new federal flight regulation adopted for the Olympics.

Richard Bizarro, 59, could get up to 20 years in prison on charges of interfering with a flight crew.

Bizarro was on a Delta flight from Los Angeles on Saturday when he allegedly left his seat 25

minutes before landing, despite two warnings from the captain to the 90 passengers to stay put as required under the 30-minute rule adopted for Salt Lake City by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Air marshals aboard the plane ordered all passengers to put their hands on their heads for the rest of the flight.

Bizarro, of Park City, was jailed overnight and released on his own recognizance. Messages left

with his attorney and at his home were not returned Monday.

Authorities said a flight attendant instructed Bizarro to return to his seat immediately after he left the bathroom. She said Bizarro, who is 6-foot-2 and 220 pounds, ignored her orders and stared at her for about a minute before returning to his seat, according to the FBI.

Two of three undercover air marshals on board saw what happened, the FBI said. One of

the agents said he saw Bizarro give what appeared to be a "thumbs up" to another passenger as he returned to his seat, prompting the marshals to take control of the cabin.

The rule requiring no passenger movement during the last 30 minutes of flights into the city and first 30 minutes on flights leaving, went into effect Feb. 5. It already had been in effect for flights to Reagan International Airport in Washington.

## Women's track takes first at home

By Jayme Ramson  
THE BG NEWS

In their final tune-up meet before the MAC championships, the Bowling Green women's track team topped a 15 team field with a first place finish, while the men's team placed third.

The women's team swept the relay events, winning both the 4x400 meter relay and the distance medley relay. The 4x400 time of 3:52.00 was BG's best time this season by nearly two seconds. The distance medley team ran a 12:16.73 to beat Miami University's 12:22.93. The 4x400 meter relay was the final event, and BG knew going into the meet that they wanted to win it. "It was awesome for the team to win the championship, it came down to the 4x400 (meter relay) and the whole team was around the track cheering and those girls in the 4x400 really stepped it up," said thrower and onlooker Kerri McClung.

Alicia Taylor placed in each of her four events, winning the 60-meter hurdles in 8.65 seconds, placing third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.55 seconds, placing fourth in the 60-meter dash in 7.70 seconds, and as a part of the winning 4x400 meter relay. Taylor had a record day as she set personal records in each of her individual events. "I think I did really good today, I pr'd (set a personal record) in everything I did. I don't focus on places I just try to run my race and pr in each of my events."

Furthermore, sophomore Kerri McClung continued to improve in the shot put.

McClung placed second, but improved her throw to 15.25 meters, surpassing the NCAA provisional qualifying mark. "I can't complain (about getting second place) when I throw a pr by nine inches and it only improved my provisional distance for nationals."

In addition, the falcon 400-meter runners dominated the individual 400-meter dash, capturing three out of the top eight places. Sophomores Tamika Dixon and Ellen Alkire placed third and fourth for BG with times of 58.28 and 58.44 seconds, respectively, while senior JoVone Houpe ran a 58.79 to place sixth.

Three falcon high jumpers placed in the top eight as well. Sophomore Rachel Perme placed third with a jump of 1.67 meters, sophomore Erin Kosch and junior Bridget Kozy tied for fifth with jumps of 1.62 meters.

Junior Briana Killian placed third in the 800-meter

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THREE MORE MEDALS: Ross Powers, Danny Kass and JJ Thomas were the first U.S. threesome to earn a medals sweep in 46 years.

## Snowboard sweep for U.S.

By Eddie Pells  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARK CITY, Utah — Gold, silver, bronze. Red, white and blue.

Snowboarders Ross Powers, Danny Kass and JJ Thomas rendered those colors interchangeable and indivisible Monday, giving the United States its first medals sweep in the Winter Olympics in 46 years.

With chants of "USA, USA, USA" coming from the crowd of 30,000, the three Americans made history on the halfpipe, soaring into the sunshine for an unforgettable Olympic moment.

They catapulted their Gen X sport out of the fringe and into the spotlight — and put America alone on the medals stand.

"I couldn't ask for anything more," said Powers, who turned 23 on Sunday. "It's the best birthday present ever. These guys beside me is also huge. Today was just the perfect day."

Flying 10 and 15 feet above the hollowed-out snow chute, the Americans won all three medals in a Winter event for the first time

since the 1956 Cortina Games, when the U.S. men's figure skating team did it.

It was only the second Winter Games sweep ever for the United States, and it was topped by Powers, who adds gold to the bronze medal he won in Nagano four years ago.

The sweep bumped the United States up to six medals in these Olympics, including the halfpipe gold won Sunday by Kelly Clark, who was on hand to watch her countrymen sweep. Before the games, the Americans said they hoped to win a total of 20 medals.

On Monday, it was a rare sweep in front of frenzied, flag-waving fans.

It was the biggest crowd any of these athletes had performed for, a turnout boosted when high winds postponed the women's downhill event and sent thousands down the mountain to check out the halfpipe.

And really, there was no better place to be on this day.

After all, where else would fans

have taken in the sight of Finnish star snowboarder Heikki Sorsa, who used an entire can of hairspray to spike his hair and give himself a foot-high mohawk?

How about a rock band playing during intermission?

Or the way the winners celebrated, signing the bare breasts of an avid fan? (Thomas took care of the left, and Powers did the right).

Olympic victories are supposed to put athletes on Wheaties boxes, but maybe not this time.

"I'm going to be on the Count Chocula box!" Kass yelled. "Count Chocula!"

That's snowboarding — X-treme, X-citing, X-hilarating, and something America and the world will see much more of in the wake of this unprecedented success.

"It's a fun sport," Powers said. "It's people listening to music, having a fun time, going for it. Everyone's friends."

Powers set the winning mark of 46.1 early. He was the fourth

rider to hit the snow in the finals, and his very first push above the rim of the pipe was stunning — his body flying 15 feet in the air, parallel to the ground, with the sun overhead making for a picturesque silhouette.

"Probably the highest airs I've ever done in my life," he said.

Further down the chute, he made two full revolutions, once while doing a somersault in the air. He did tricks with names like "mute grab," "stale-fish," and "switch McTwist," each one more daring than the next, and all with landings as smooth as the shiny ice on the sides of the pipe.

It came after a harrowing fall in his first qualifying run. That could have made him nervous, but he recovered, made a great second run to advance to the finals and then went on the ride of his life for the gold.

Kass, the 19-year-old future of the sport, had two chances to top Powers.

## Selig calls off sale meeting

By Ronald Blum  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Baseball commissioner Bud Selig called off an owners' meeting set to approve the sales of the Florida Marlins and Montreal Expos and instead scheduled a telephone conference call for Tuesday's vote.

John Henry, whose group was given approval last month to buy the Boston Red Sox for \$660 million from the Jean R. Yawkey Trust, is selling the Marlins to Jeffrey Loria for \$158.5 million.

Loria is selling the Montreal franchise to Baseball Expos LP — a Delaware limited partnership owned by the other 29 teams — for \$120 million, with baseball loaning him the difference between the prices.

Both sales were expected to gain overwhelming approval, and baseball intended to announce a new management for the Expos following the call.

Tony Tavares, who quit last month as Anaheim Angels president, will become president and chief executive officer of the Expos and Hall of Famer Frank Robinson, Selig's vice president in charge of on-field discipline, will become manager.

Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief legal officer, offered the general manager's job to Omar Minaya, senior assistant general manager of the New York Mets. Minaya spent Monday at the commissioner's office in New York negotiating the job's salary and responsibilities. While he had pretty much decided to accept, he told baseball officials he would not give his final answer until Tuesday, a person familiar with the talks said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Baseball's plan to fold the Expos and Twins was blocked by a Minnesota injunction, causing the commissioner's office to take over operation of the Expos, a team that appears to be in its final season in Montreal.

Selig at first contemplated having owners meet Tuesday in the

Chicago area, but some teams didn't want to travel to a meeting for a vote where the outcome was certain. Some teams already have mailed in their votes, and the rest will vote during the conference call, several baseball officials said Monday.

Owners are approving these deals with a speed unprecedented in recent decades. The Red Sox sale, agreed to on Dec. 20, was approved at a Jan. 16 meeting in Phoenix by a 29-0 vote, with the Yankees abstaining.

As of Monday, Henry's agreement to sell the Marlins to Loria had not even been signed.

But the start of spring training put pressure on baseball to speed the transactions. The Marlins and Expos open camp Friday, and Loria intends to take much of his staff to Florida, including manager Jeff Torborg, interim general manager Larry Beinfest and executive vice president David Samson.

After the vote, baseball will give Loria permission to switch his staff. Closings on the Marlins and Expos sales could take place later this week.

Meanwhile, Selig will not testify at Wednesday's Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on the sport's antitrust exemption and instead will send his chief lawyer.

DuPuy and union head Donald Fehr are among witnesses scheduled to appear at the hearing, a spokesman for committee chairman Patrick J. Leahy, D-Vt., said Monday.

Also scheduled to testify are Florida Attorney General Bob Butterworth, Minnesota Deputy Attorney General Lori Swanson, and Stan Brand, a lobbyist for the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, the governing body of the minor leagues.

Sen. Paul D. Wellstone, D-Minn., and Rep. John Conyers Jr., D-Mich., proposed legislation Nov. 14 to strip baseball of its antitrust exemption as it applies to franchise moves and folding.

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# 'Like a fraternity party that got out of shape'

By Jim Little  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY — News that International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge has moved into a dorm room at the athletes' village is a welcome departure from the lavish accommodations favored by his predecessor.

Here's hoping that Rogge has enough sense not to invite the U.S. hockey team over for a party.

When last we saw the best American team money could buy at the Olympics, there was busted furniture, dented doors, scratched walls and fire extinguishers that were emptied or tossed out a window — but nary a medal to show for it.

The odd couple of NHL commissioner Gary Bettman and players' union chief Bob Goodenow joined hands at a damage-control session afterward and did everything but sing "Kumbaya." They insisted only a handful of players were involved and that the destruction to the rooms in Nagano totaled \$3,000 tops.

They didn't dare say it at the time, but you know what the two of them were thinking: "Four players, three grand, a few rooms trashed? Let's tell 'em it was the Rolling Stones."

Instead, Bettman put on his most solemn face and promised

disciplinary action. Four years later, not one of the players has been identified, let alone punished. Captain Chris Chelios apologized without admitting any guilt, wrote a check to cover the damages and he, along with a majority of the players from the 1998 squad, are back.

Not so for coach Ron Wilson, whose idea of shaking up his over-served, undermotivated team was to get a crewcut before the game against the Czech Republic.

That's the short version of how Herb Brooks, the new sheriff in town, found himself explaining what was going to be different about the U.S. team this time.

"We have to look in a rear view mirror and learn from some of those things. It was sort of like a fraternity party that got out of shape — I think there was more made of it than really what happened," Brooks said.

"I haven't mentioned it to our guys. I talked about it with Chris Chelios, but we haven't made a theme about it. We haven't talked about it. It's done and over. We've talked about what we have to do to represent our country, which we are so proud of."

The U.S. hockey team will be staying in dorm rooms at the athletes' village again, the only difference is that they'll probably be assigned to the first floor.

So wish Brooks luck — he'll need more than a charge account at IKEA with no pre-set spending limit, and there's plenty riding on this venture.

Brooks was behind the bench when a bunch of U.S. college kids produced the "Miracle on Ice" at the Lake Placid Games in 1980, but his resume has been anything but sparkling since. He put in stints with the New York Rangers, Minnesota North Stars, New Jersey Devils and Pittsburgh Penguins, but never conjured up the same magic. Neither Brooks' familiarity with the international style nor his reputation as a disciplinarian — he was once labeled "The Khomeini of Ice Hockey" — impressed the pros at his various stops.

Even his wife wasn't too thrilled with his job, as Brooks admitted at his news conference. When he asked her whether he should sign for a second season with the Penguins, her response was, "What part of the word 'divorce' don't you understand?"

Whether he gets more respect from the collection of frat-boys who make up the current U.S. squad remains to be seen. At Nagano, their idea of leadership was taking over the karaoke machine in bars the night before games and then marshaling partygoers up and down Chuo-dori

Street until 5 a.m.

Making Brooks' job even tougher is a talent deficit. The Canadians are better and deeper, and the same might true of the Russians and Czechs. Maybe that's why he's already poor-mouthing his team's chances.

"If we play smart and hard and do it with class, I think we can sleep at night," Brooks said. "Obviously, a medal is what we're shooting for, but it's how we prepare, how we match up, how we conduct ourselves, those are the key things."

Not exactly.

Five years ago, when the NHL first decided to close shop for two weeks in the middle of the season to go to the Olympics in 1998 and 2002, putting the world's best players on the world's biggest stage looked like putting a puck into an open net. It's turned out to be more like a screen shot through traffic.

Building an audience proved tough in Nagano because the games were broadcast in the wee hours of the morning. This time, the Americans open in prime time Friday night against Finland. But the most attractive game — United States vs. Russia on Saturday night, the first time the two have played on American ice since the 1980 game — will start at 11:30 p.m. on the East Coast.

## Men's track places third out of 15 teams

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run with a time of 2:16.49. Senior Lori Williams placed fourth in the weight throw with a throw of 16.88 meters and eighth in the shot put with a throw of 12.94 meters. Janean Johnson and Mary Willens placed seventh and eighth in the weight throw with throws of 16.17 meters and 15.70 meters. Nichole

Carter placed fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 11.23 meters.

Sophomore Amber Culp placed eighth in the 3000 meter run with a time of 10:39.29.

The Bowling Green men's team placed third out of fifteen teams, behind Toledo and Akron. Zerian Peterson led the team to their only first place finish. Peterson placed first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 49.21 seconds. Peterson also placed fifth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.64 seconds.

Grant Shadden placed second in the 3000 meter run with a time of 8:27.40 and Josh Cook ran to a second place finish in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:54.92, just .3 of a second behind the winner.

Freshman Durond Clark placed third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.48. Jamal Salahuddin placed third in the shot put with a throw of 16.49 meters and eighth in the weight throw with a distance of 16.10

meters. Bowling Green's distance medley relay also placed third, finishing with a time of 10:30.29, behind Ashland and Otterbein College.

In the pole vault, the Bowling Green men captured three of the top eight places. Drew Downey was third with a vault of 4.80 meters while Kerry Koontz and Hunter Downey tied for fifth with vaults of 4.65 meters.

Additionally, Dean Cotichia placed third in the high jump with a jump of 2.03 meters, while Bryan Gardner placed sixth with a jump of 1.98 meters. Gardner and Eric Peterson placed sixth and seventh in the long jump with leaps of 6.51 meters and 6.50 meters, respectively. Andre George placed sixth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 50.87 and Emmanuel Hendrix placed seventh in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.04 seconds.

In the distance events, Chad Kunkle and Tom Kutter placed sixth and seventh in the 5000 meter run with times of 15:18.28 and 15:26.98.

Justin Perez and Troy Stiles placed fifth and eighth in the mile run with times of 4:23.86 and 4:30.90.

Both the men's and women's teams will take this weekend off and begin preparation for the MAC Championships at Bowling Green on Feb. 22.

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# MAC's ahead for men's

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performed rather well. Molly Peterson finished in second in the 1 meter and third place in the 3 meter. She finished just behind teammate Ryan Donally in the 3 meter, who finished that event in second. In the 1 meter, Donally finished in third place, right behind teammate Peterson.

The men's team had some strong individual efforts, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Northern Illinois team.

Freshman Robert McRae was once again one of the stars of the Bowling Green team. He won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.42. He also captured first place in the 200 yard butterfly, which he finished in 1:57.76.

Senior co-captain Paul Bizzarro also finished in first in two events. He won the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 1:58.08 and the 1000-yard freestyle with a time of 10:04.63.

Ray Bartel didn't have any first place finishes but swam real well this past weekend. In the 200-yard breaststroke, Bartel

finished in second place, with a time of 2:13.63. He also finished in third place in the 50-yard freestyle, behind teammate Robert McRae. His time for that event was 22.82.

"It was great to see Ray Bartel step up and let the rest of the conference know he's ready to step up," said Coach Julian.

Coming off a recent injury senior co-captain had a strong meet. He finished right behind teammate Robert McRae in the 200-yard butterfly. His time for the event was 2:01.34.

"The team needed to see Kevin Anderson perform the way he did," said Coach Julian.

Next up on the Falcons schedule is the MAC championships. The women's team will be in action February 28 to March 2 in Ypsilanti, Mich.

The men's team will not see action till March 7 to March 9 in Athens, Ohio.

"As far as MAC's go, we are expecting some lifetime bests out of our swimmers," said Coach Julian when asked what to expect in the coming matches.

# Lewis heads to Redskins

By Joseph White  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ASHBURN, Va. — Marvin Lewis won't be a head coach, but he'll be getting head coach money.

A month after he set a new — and very high — standard for head coach's pay with the hiring of Steve Spurrier, Washington Redskins owner Dan Snyder on Monday made Lewis the best paid assistant in the NFL.

Lewis signed a three-year deal worth about \$850,000 per year — more than \$1 million per year with incentives — to be the defensive coordinator. That's a salary comparable to what some NFL head coaches make and is at least twice what the average assistant is thought to make.

Asked to explain himself to owners who now have good reason to be concerned about escalating coaching salaries, Snyder was unapologetic.

"I don't think I've done anything out of character with what we're trying to build with the Redskins," Snyder said. "You're talking about one of the finest coaches in the game. We're all after one thing, that's victories."

Spurrier, who last month signed a five-year, \$25 million contract, played the rationalization game a bit better.

"Do you know what the salary cap is this next year?" Spurrier said. "Seventy-one million. Now don't you think the best defensive coordinator in the country is worth one-70th of what you're paying the team? The defensive coordinator is one of the most valuable players on your team."

Lewis' arrival ended a confusing week about the future of the man who made the Baltimore Ravens defense one of the best in the league, if not ever. Lewis seemed on the verge of becoming Tampa Bay's head coach until a Thursday night meeting with the sons of Bucs owner Malcolm Glazer left Lewis with the distinct impression that he



The Associated Press

**STILL RICH:** Marvin Lewis didn't get a head coaching offer, but will get paid \$850,000 by Washington.

wasn't wanted.

"It was a meeting that was already set one way," said Lewis, adding that he felt the Glazers interviewed him as nothing much more than a courtesy to their general manager, Rich McKay.

Lewis had been so confident that he would get the Buccaneers job that he had already contacted an offensive coordinator and other possible assistants. He said one of disappointing side effects of the whole scenario is that "a couple of guys passed up opportunities around

the NFL" because they thought they'd be with him in Tampa.

When it became public that Lewis wouldn't get the Tampa Bay job, the Redskins pursued him immediately. A Saturday morning interview was arranged, but Lewis canceled it and decided — for the moment, at least — to re-sign with the Ravens.

"I probably acted in haste Saturday morning," Lewis said, "after going through a very tough Friday."

The Ravens then thought they had a deal to keep Lewis, but

Lewis reconsidered and met Sunday with Snyder and Spurrier. The Redskins increased their offer; the Ravens didn't. The deal was done, and Baltimore owner Art Modell issued as statement saying he was "disappointed" about being "misled."

Lewis said he hopes to speak with Modell later this week in a gesture of reconciliation.

"Mr. Modell wouldn't have understood if I had left last year to coach the Cleveland Browns," Lewis said. "That's the way he is. You're part of his family. He wants you to stay there forever."

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## Second half gets exciting

By Chris Sheridan  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Now that he has left town, Kobe Bryant won't be booed again for at least six weeks.

No, he's not returning to Philly. But he does have an upcoming trip to Sacramento.

The NBA's best players departed the City of Brotherly Love (or No Love, in Kobe's case) on Monday to get ready for the unofficial second half of the season.

For Bryant, that meant a cross-country flight with the All-Star MVP trophy in his luggage as he returned to Los Angeles for the Lakers' game against Michael Jordan and the Washington Wizards.

The two-time defending champions are 2 1/2 games behind the Sacramento Kings in the Pacific Division, and their remaining schedule includes a five-game Eastern road trip later this month and a four-game swing to the East in early April.

"Every game is a home game for us," Shaquille O'Neal said. "Except Sacramento."

The Lakers don't have to travel to the frenzied bandbox known as Arco Arena until March 24. The teams will meet one more time after that — on the final night of the season, April 17.

Those dates loom large because the Kings, who have owned the league's best record for the better part of a month, are widely considered the team with the best chance to knock off the Lakers in a seven-game series — but only if they finish the season with a better record than Los Angeles and gain the homecourt advantage.

The next big date on the NBA calendar is Feb. 21, the trading deadline.

A total of four deals involving 22 players went down on deadline day last year, including the blockbuster that sent Dikembe Mutombo from Atlanta to Philadelphia and helped propel the 76ers to the NBA Finals.

There aren't a lot of 7-foot-2 centers to be had this time around, although there is one center — Denver's Raef LaFrentz — who is atop the Most Likely To Be Dealt list.

The Nuggets have been shopping LaFrentz and point guard Nick Van Exel around the league, and the Portland Trail Blazers have emerged as the leading contender to acquire the two of them, according to a Western Conference executive who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Portland is willing to send Damon Stoudamire and Bonzi Wells to the Nuggets for LaFrentz and Van Exel, but the Nuggets want a big man back in return and will likely press for Dale Davis to be included in the swap. Denver would toss Tariq Abdul-Wahad into the deal to make it work under salary cap rules.

The Indiana Pacers, along with at least three other teams, are also chasing LaFrentz.

In the Eastern Conference, the New York Knicks have been trying the hardest to pull off a deal, but team president Scott Layden has been learning that there is very little interest in anyone on his roster other than Latrell Sprewell and Othella Harrington.

## NBC set equipped with fake fire for Olympics

By Howard Fendrich  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This Olympic flame is a fake.

Peer past daytime host Hannah Storm or prime-time host Bob Costas during NBC's coverage of the Salt Lake City Games, and there's no way to miss the fireplace on the well-manicured set.

Turns out, though, that the fire lending the network's studio segments such a warm and cozy feel as it flickers so perfectly is not really there.

It's a video of a fire (replete with wafting smoke) that NBC tried its best to make look real.

In its quest to package the perfect viewing experience for the millions of Americans watching the Olympics each day over these 2 1/2 weeks, the network spruced things up a bit.

The Associated Press asked how the contraption works.

"Our fireplace is truly one of the great mysteries of television," NBC Sports VP Kevin Sullivan said with a laugh Monday, but he wouldn't comment further.

Perhaps someone just figured

it would be good if Costas could say, as he did Saturday night, "Here's our special correspondent, Jim McKay, for the first of several fireside chats," without anyone having to go through the trouble of collecting kindling.

If nothing else, the use of video means Costas and Storm don't need to worry about closing the flue at the end of their shifts. And there's no danger of a script being burned.

(Actually, the luxuriousness of NBC's main set sparks sympathy for Jim Lampley, whose CNBC Olympic studio doesn't appear to have enough leg room, much less fancy fixtures, faux or otherwise.)

It's not, of course, the first time the wonders of TV have been used to trick viewers.

During its coverage of the Sydney Olympics two years ago, NBC wanted to minimize confusion that might have been generated by the 15-hour time difference between Australia and the U.S. East Coast.

The potential for confusion was increased by the nature of

the telecasts: Clips of taped competition were interspersed with live studio segments from 7 p.m. to midnight Eastern time (which was 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Sydney).

So each night, the studio backdrop designed to look like Sydney harbor changed — through the course of the show, the sky went from early evening clarity to late-night darkness. In other words, lighting tricks were used to make what already was a fake backdrop even faker, giving viewers the impression the time of day in Australia was about the same as in the United States.

And just so no one thinks NBC is alone when it comes to virtual enhancement in the name of aesthetics, here's one other example from the world of TV sports:

In August 2000, a handful of bird enthusiasts watching the PGA Championship on CBS noticed some of the chirps they were hearing belonged to birds normally not found in Louisville, Ky., at that time of year. The answer: CBS was using recorded bird sounds for ambiance.

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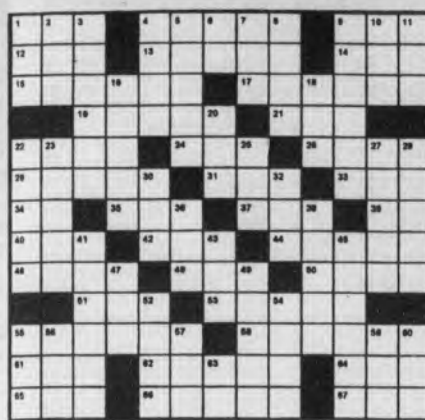
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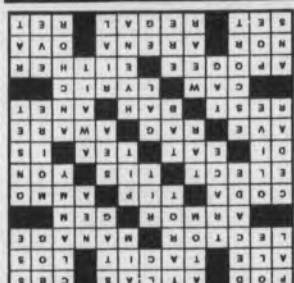
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- 4 Contains maps
- 9 Network (abbr.)
- 12 Beer
- 13 Silent
- 14 Angeles
- 15 Speaker
- 17 Care for
- 19 Shield
- 21 Opal
- 22 Formal close to music
- 24 The very end
- 26 Bullets (slang)
- 29 Put into office
- 31 It is (poetic)
- 33 Over there
- 34 Gods (Latin)
- 35 Consume
- 37 Brewed drink
- 39 Present tense verb
- 40 Avenue (abbr.)
- 42 Old cloth
- 44 Alert
- 46 Retire
- 48 Humbug
- 50 Fisherman's necessity
- 51 Blackbird's cry
- 53 Word
- 55 Satellite's most distant point
- 58 for
- 61 Neither/
- 62 Game area
- 64 Eggs
- 65 Be ready
- 66 Royal
- 67 Soak flax

- 1 Friend
- 2 Aged (archaic)
- 3 Ten years
- 4 Unit of matter
- 5 Fortunetelling card
- 6 Nation's library (abbr.)
- 7 Direct a weapon
- 8 Male deer
- 9 Sticky
- 10 Swamp
- 11 Direction (abbr.)
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- 23 Edible fruit
- 25 Deep hole
- 27 Wavy-patterned cloth
- 28 Beginning
- 30 Black road substance
- 32 Ocean
- 36 Top of pop can
- 38 Be ready for
- 41 Accompany
- 43 Girl (slang)
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